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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH DAVID ENNALS

1. SECRETARY RECEIVED DAVID ENNALS APRIL 16. FOLLOWING IS
SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION AT WHICH BRITISH AMBASSADOR, MESSRS.
SISCO, SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. SECRETARY TOLD ENNALS THAT A CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE
EAST COULD TAKE PLACE FOUR TO SIX WEEKS AFTER A DISEN-
GAGEMENT IS WORKED OUT. ENNALS POINTED

OUT THAT THAT BRITISH POLICY HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO BE PRE-
PARED TO HELP BUT IT IS PREFERABLE TO STAND ASIDE AND LET
THE SECRETARY TAKE THE LEAD. THE SECRETARY OUTLINED OUR
PLANS FOR AID - PRIMARILY ECONOMIC - TO EGYPT AND ADVISED
ENNALS THAT A MODEST SUM WOULD BE A GOOD POLITICAL INVEST-
MENT FOR THE UK IN TERMS OF GAINING GOOD WILL AND INFLU-
ENCE WITH SADAT. ENNALS SAID HMG WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
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BUT FINANCIAL POSITION WAS EXTREMELY TIGHT.

3. ENNALS GAVE HIS GENERALLY FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT OF THE UN SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AND DESCRIBED AS INTERESTING THE IRANIAN INITIATIVE OF PROPOSING AN INTERNATIONAL LOAN FUND WITH INPUTS FROM EC COUNTRIES AND JAPAN. HE NOTED THAT THE US HAD SENT ONLY AN OBSERVER TO THE MEETING ARRANGED BY THE IRANIANS AND HOPED THAT WE WOULD TAKE MORE INTEREST. THE SECRETARY REFERRED TO HIS APRIL 15 SPEECH AT THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH HE SUPPORTED COOPERATION AND THE USE OF OIL REVENUES FOR THE LDC'S. THE IRANIAN PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE THE EFFECT OF KEEPING PRICES UP. THE SECRETARY AGREED WITH ENNALS THAT PRICES WERE UNLIKELY TO COME DOWN EXCEPT THROUGH ACTION OF MARKET FORCES, NOT BY PRESSURE FROM THE LDC'S.

4. ENNALS SAID HE HAD CONCLUDED, AFTER ATTENDING THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, THAT THE PRODUCERS HAD NO INTEREST IN CONSULTING IN A CONFERENCE WITH THE CONSUMERS. THE SECRETARY REMINDED HIM THAT OUR VIEW HAD ALWAYS BEEN THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN A CONFERENCE UNLESS THERE IS A CLEAR CONSUMER POSITION.

5. ENNALS ASKED ABOUT THE APPARENT DELAY IN THE EMERGENCE OF THE US POSITION ON THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN.

THE SECRETARY PROMISED THERE WOULD BE A MAJOR EFFORT ON THE THRESHOLD. RUSH

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